



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**DEPARTMENT OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.T.E. 06-29

April 13, 2006

Petition of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General requesting an Advisory Ruling by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 2.08(1).

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On March 13, 2006, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General ("Inspector General") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") a petition for an Advisory Ruling ("Petition") that all municipal light plants under the Department's jurisdiction be required to provide supporting documentation to a town auditor, accountant, or treasurer for the processing of payments of expenditures, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 56. A copy of the Petition (without enclosures) is attached. This case has been docketed as D.T.E. 06-29. The Department hereby solicits written comments on the Petition.

A copy of the Inspector General's filing is on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public view during business hours. An electronic copy of the Petition is available on the Department's Web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte/>. Copies are also on file for public view at the Office of the Inspector General, John W. McCormack State Office Building, One Ashburton Place, Room 1311, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

An original of all written comments must be filed with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. One copy each of all written comments must also be sent to Paul Osborne and A. John Sullivan, of the Department's Rates and Revenue Requirements Division, and John Cope-Flanagan and Julie Howley Westwater of the Department's Legal Division; and one copy to Nicholas Read, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Inspector

General, John W. McCormack State Office Building, One Ashburton Place, Room 1311, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

All initial written comments are due at the Department of Telecommunications and Energy no later than close of business, **May 30, 2006**. All reply comments in response to the initial comments, are due to the Department no later than close of business, **June 29, 2006**. All written comments also should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) and [julie.westwater@state.ma.us](mailto:julie.westwater@state.ma.us), or (2) on a 3.5" disk. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding [D.T.E. 06-29]; (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document (e.g. initial comments, reply comments). The electronic filing also should include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte/>.

By Order of the Department,

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary